Azalea Inn & Gardens

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## Amazingly, If It's Tuesday This Must Be Savannah

"Summer Tuesdays in Old Savannah" launches in June 2006 at Azalea Inn and Gardens in historic Savannah, Georgia – a city that is always dressed for company. The Inn's culinary Tuesdays offer each guest an added incentive to break away and discover the joyful atmosphere of a spontaneous southern gathering.

June 15, 2006 (Savannah) — "Tuesday is a grand day for a quick escape, almost a rebellion for workaholics," shares Teresa Jacobson, innkeeper at the popular <u>Azalea Inn</u> and <u>Gardens</u> in Savannah, Georgia's historic district. "Our invitation is to getaway midweek for a fascinating, southern culinary adventure in beautiful Savannah, a city that is always dressed for company."

Tuesdays for the business executive is often synonymous with back-to-back sessions and meetings. The Inn's choice for first and third culinary Tuesdays was planned to coincide with summer holidays – July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day – but, coincidentally, the dates miss "Patch Tuesdays" – the second Tuesday of each month, when Microsoft releases the newest fixes for its Windows operating system.

"A dear friend likens this <u>Tuesday mid-week</u> teaser to wine between meals – refreshing the palate and re-awakening the senses," comments the wine-loving innkeeper. Guests for poolside "Summer Tuesdays in Old Savannah" will savor southern cuisine and indulge in southern sensibilities, coupled with a feels-like-home version of southern hospitality with featured chefs, including Savannah's Cynthia Creighton-Jones and Marvis Hinson, and Tampa's Jesse C. Phillips. Additional vacation packages and details are found on the Inn's Web site -- www.azaleainn.com.

In contrast to the stereotypical American tourist in the movie "If it's Tuesday This Must Be Belgium," United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) reports that people today are taking shorter and more frequent vacations, tours and packages now emphasize "doing" rather than "seeing," and people plan their vacations more spontaneously.

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"A true Savannah experience finds imaginations at work the fresh southern foods, but also amid this historic city's celebrated places. Our by-words are already geared to the optimal -- fresh, local and seasonal -- for the Inn's gourmet breakfast and afternoon delights with fine wine."

"I love amazing southern food, participating in the wonderment and awestruck spirit of the historic district, and pausing for afternoon wine by the pool. If Jake and I didn't own this Inn, I would travel elsewhere to enjoy this unique experience," shares the vivacious innkeeper. "I would force myself to pause from work, especially if every element of the trip were amazing."

The energetic innkeeper acknowledges that leisure time is precious ... whether for a last minute or executive power vacation, or romantic getaway. "It's for that very reason that we launched the value-added culinary experience in summer – for guests to leisurely enjoy as much of Savannah style and hospitality as possible," she concludes.

With tutoring from some of Savannah's top chefs, including a brief session with Chef John Jawbeck, former personal chef to Donald Trump, the innkeeper's home-style southern breakfast recipes and presentation are kicked up a few notches, all the while keeping the pace within the Inn's casual descriptives -- laid back, and easy-going spontaneity "Where fun blooms!"

A less talked about signature offering at the historic mansion inn is "Breakfast on the Run"(sm). Touted especially for executives on the go or guests who wish to get on the road early, the Inn accommodates with Pecan Buttermilk Pancake Roll Up or a Southern Veggie Cheese Omelet sandwich. "Something close to your mom's scrambled egg sandwich," Teresa adds.

Afternoon finger desserts, wine, and a special request Nanna (www.nanna.ca) romantic breakfast or lunch picnic bag offer yet additional insights into the romantic Inn's new casual attitude for relaxed historic Savannah lodging and sportive fun which awaits Savannah travelers.

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While Savannah travelers may whet their appetites for southern ambiance in the Forsyth Park neighborhood at Azalea Inn and Gardens, the Inn acknowledges that southern food is but the beginning of what guests will discover. As an insider's introduction to off-the-beaten path discovery of culinary niches, guests are encouraged to luxuriate in the best of southern heritage cuisine in Savannah's great eateries.

In addition to "Summer Tuesdays," and what seems like a full day of southern nibbling everyday, Azalea Inn encourages guests to treat themselves to a cooking class with <a href="Chef Joe Randall">Chef Joe Randall</a> (www.chefjoerandall.com); a hickory smoked bar-b-que rollup from Sweet Leaf Smokery and Eatery, less than one block off Huntingdon Street; or, an unforgettable dinner of superlatives at Sapphire Grill with the most talked about chef of the moment in Savannah, <a href="Christopher Nason">Christopher Nason</a> (www.sapphiregrill.com).

Early reservations are recommended for "Summer Tuesdays in Old Savannah" – TO BE CONTINUED for fall and winter holidays under the umbrella of "Culinary Tuesdays in Old Savannah."

## About Azalea Inn

Azalea Inn and gardens is located in the Landmark Savannah Historic District within two walking blocks of Forsyth Park, the city's infamously verdant and captivating central park. Guests are invited to rendezvous where life is a celebration ... of the present and the past. Amid the breezy quietude of the Landmark Savannah Historic District's Huntingdon Street, relaxed southern comforts allure guests seeking casual southern charm, social sensibilities and off-the-beaten path garden ambiance.

The Italianate urban manor (circa 1889) was built on garden plots formerly designated for colonial gardening (ca. 1733 Georgia colonization). Each of the inn's 10 guest rooms features themed décor depicting Savannah's gardens, distinguished history, and fashionable turn-of-the-century lifestyle of the mansion's original owner, Captain Walter K. Coney – an avid yachtsman and honored businessman. The cotton executive's mansion features original mantles and handsome, artisan craftsmanship from Savannah's Victorian era. Micheal and Teresa Jacobson, parents of two graduates of the Savannah College of Art and Design, purchased the Inn in August 2005. 217 East Huntingdon Street, Savannah, Georgia USA 31401-5714. Toll Free 800-582-3823 (within the USA). Telephone 912-236-2707. Email <a href="mailto:info@azaleainn.com">info@azaleainn.com</a> Internet <a href="mailto:http://www.azaleainn.com">http://www.azaleainn.com</a>